

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6.

Requesting the Congress of the United States to take steps to prohibit the changing of the old names of Montana's mountains and streams.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled:

WHEREAS, the government officials in charge of the work of making Geological, Topographical, and other Government Surveys, of Montana, both in and out of forest reserves, have seen fit to change the old names of many of our mountains and streams, and,

WHEREAS, the old names index Montana's early history, and should be preserved as part of the old West.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate concurring, we the Twelfth Legislature of the State of Montana, do hereby petition the Congress of the United States for the passage of necessary legislation forbidding the changing of names of Montana's mountains, rivers and streams, and to make it obligatory upon those in authority to use the old names in making maps of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to transmit properly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, our Senators and Representatives in Congress, the director of the United States Geological Survey; and to the President of the United States Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March 3, 1911.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

"WHEREAS, it appears from investigation recently made by the Senate of the United States, and otherwise, that polygamy still exists in certain places in the United States notwithstanding prohibitory statutes enacted by the several states thereof, and

"WHEREAS, the practice of polygamy is generally condemned by the people of the United States, and there is a demand for the more effectual prohibition thereof by placing the subject under Federal jurisdiction and control, at the same time reserving to each state the right to make and enforce its own laws relating to marriage and divorce; now, therefore,

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"RESOLVED, (if the Senate concur), That the application be made and hereby is made to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the calling of a Convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States whereby polygamy and polygamous cohabitation shall be prohibited, and Congress shall be given power to enforce such prohibition by appropriate legislation.

"RESOLVED, That the Legislature of all other States of the United States, now in session or when next convened, be and they are hereby respectfully requested to join in this application by the adoption of this or an equivalent resolution.

"RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is directed to transmit copies of this application to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the several members of said bodies representing this state therein; also to transmit copies hereof to the Legislatures of all other States of the United States."

Approved March 1, 1911.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

Memorial to Congress praying for the enactment of Legislation that will relieve the settlers on the Public Domain, wherein their improvements were destroyed by Forest Fires. Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, the Senate Concurring:

THAT WHEREAS, during the year A. D., 1910, extensive and devastating forest fires have destroyed the homes of large numbers of homestead settlers on the public domain, and destroyed their improvements, live stock, and the fruits of their labor of many years; and

WHEREAS, they are practically bankrupt and unable to comply with the rigorous demands of the Federal Homestead laws, and as it is necessary for them to seek other labor and employment to support themselves and families, and of necessity must absent themselves from their homesteads; and

WHEREAS, they cannot, within the time allowed by the United States Homestead laws, accumulate enough money to restore their homes, dwellings, improvements, and make their homesteads self-sustaining, and comply with the requirements of said homestead laws,

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